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**TWO SIMPSON COUNTY DRUG DEALERS PLEAD GUILTY TO  
SOPHISTICATED MARIJUANA GROW OPERATION**

***– Over 6,000 plants worth \$3.3 million***

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that **GARY WAYNE BULLINGTON**, age 56, of 3690 Clare Road, Franklin, Kentucky, in Simpson County, and **TRUDY ELLIOTT JACKSON**, age 59, address unknown, **pled guilty** to possession with intent to distribute marijuana and manufacturing 100 or more marijuana plants.

The maximum potential penalties for both are life imprisonment, a \$4,250,00 fine, and supervised release for a period of at least five years.

**Bullington** pled guilty and admitted that from on or about and between January 1, 2001, and November 9, 2005, in Simpson County, Kentucky, he conspired to knowingly and intentionally manufacture and manufactured approximately 6289 marijuana plants, which have an equivalency of 628.88 kilograms of marijuana and is worth approximately \$3,327,000.00 on the street. **Bullington** participated in building the marijuana grow rooms, as well as tending to its daily cultivation.

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**Jackson** pled guilty and admitted that from on or about and between November 1, 2003, and November 9, 2005, in Simpson County, Kentucky, she conspired to knowingly and intentionally manufacture and manufactured approximately 1574 marijuana plants, which have an equivalency of 157.4 kilograms of marijuana and is worth approximately \$555,200.00 on the street. **Jackson's** role was to trim or manicure the cultivated marijuana and to notify the co-defendants when uninvited guests entered the property.

On November 9, 2005, law enforcement officers, executing a federal narcotics search warrant at 780 Craft Road, Franklin, Kentucky, discovered a sophisticated marijuana grow operation. This marijuana grow operation was completely concealed underground and was accessed through an elevator in a shower stall of a barn. The marijuana grow operation was powered through a generator, and it had separate grow rooms and a separate drying room. Marijuana plants, grow equipment, including lights, fans, ballasts, chemical fertilizers, water tanks, and an air conditioning unit were seized.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Laura L. Hall, and it was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Kentucky State Police, as well as the Kentucky National Guard, who assisted in the execution of the search warrant.

The pleas were entered before Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., Judge, United States District Court, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

**Bullington** and **Jackson** are scheduled to be sentenced before Judge Joseph H. McKinley, Jr. on December 14, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

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